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January 18, 2007

RE: Senate Bill No. 262

Montana Mosquito & Vector Control Association 556 Chickadee Lane Victor, MT 59875

Dear Montana Mosquito & Vector Control Association:

The Idaho Mosquito & Vector Control Association (IMVCA) was asked to review Senate Bill No. 262, and the IMVCA is extremely willing to do so. After reviewing Senate Bill No. 262, the IMVCA fully endorses the initiative to establish a state mosquito control coordinator.

After the experience Idaho had to deal with in 2006 with West Nile Virus, it has become painfully obvious that every state in the Nation needs to establish such a position, if not already established. The benefits that come with a position such as this are numerous. Not only will this individual streamline intervention efforts in the event of a vector-borne disease outbreak, but the position will also ensure conformity and accountability within counties' and mosquito abatement districts' normal operating procedures.

Please present this letter as an endorsement of Senate Bill No. 262. If there are any questions or concerns about the endorsement, please contact the IMVCA at the number listed in the letterhead or by calling (208) 365-5628.

Respectfully submitted,

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